

**FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT
FOR
MILES CITY AREA COAL FIRES**

Miles City Area Coal Fires
Abandoned Mine Lands
Custer County

The Department of Environmental Quality – Abandoned Mine Lands (DEQ-AML) has determined that reclamation activities at the Miles City Area Coal Fires will have no significant impact on the human environment. This FONSI is based on the attached environmental assessment (EA) that adequately and accurately discuss the need, environmental issues, and impacts of the proposed project and appropriate mitigation measures. It provides sufficient evidence and analysis for determining that a detailed statement (EIS) is not necessary.

Based on the EA, the project is not expected to have any significant adverse impacts upon terrestrial and aquatic life or habitat, including endangered species, water quality, air quality, geological features, cultural or historic features, or social quality.

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